



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 5:30 pm
 SUNDAY 9 am & 11:30 am

Weekday Mass @ 8:00 am
 Wednesday-Friday in the Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
UNITY MASS @ 10AM

EVERY FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
@ 6:00pm

Christian Initiation:
Sacraments of Baptism,
Confirmation and Holy Communion
 Preparation of each Sacrament is required. Baptisms are celebrated quarterly usually at 11:30 am Mass. Adults seeking to receive the sacraments for the first time should contact the Pastor for further information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
 Registration and participation prior to your wedding date is required. Arrangements should be made with the Priest before the wedding date is set; Instructions to begin at least four months before the wedding.



The VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training is required for all volunteers and employees in the Diocese of Savannah and must be completed before they begin their ministry.

Seating is limited, and pre-registration is required online. Registration instructions can be found at <https://diosav.org/how-do-i/register-for-virtus-training>. A LAPTOP or DESKTOP is recommended for registration.

Welcome to St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church

Our hope is that your presence here in the celebration of the Mass with us will remind you of the wonder that is God's sustaining grace; that it encourages you in your walk and will

motivate you to pass on His amazing grace to others!

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January 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
 Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
 Audrey Moultrie, Parish Council Chairperson
 Sharon Carson, Administrative Secretary
 Bea Betworth, Accounts Secretary
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Can you believe it's been over a month since we celebrated Christmas? By now, our decorations are likely back in their boxes and the warm glow of the holidays has faded, but let us not forget that our greatest Christmas gift ever—the Son of God—remains with us always. Even on an ordinary day in the middle of winter, he is with us here as we gather to celebrate the meal he left us before he died. Let us give thanks as we receive him once again in the Eucharist.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 464.

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*Parish Giving
January 21, 2024*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$4173.00
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"Thank You for Your Generosity"

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30pm For the repose of the soul of Debra A. Leeds who passed away on January 16, 2024. *Prince A. Jackson, III

11:30am For the peaceful repose of the soul of Theresa B. Blue on the 11th anniversary of her passing. *The Blue Family

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Ernestine Rountree on the anniversary of her passing, January 29th. *Sharon Carson and Family

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GEORGIA MARTYRS DOCUMENTARY

On February 5th at 5:30pm, EWTN will air *For the Sake of the Gospel*, a Diocese-produced documentary about our very own Georgia Martyrs! Following the premiere, the documentary will be available on-demand at:

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Pray for our Sick & Homebound: Louise Allen, Willie Allen, Jr., Mariah Bailey, Joe Battle, Bea Betsworth, Henry Blount, Odessa Bryant, Alethea Chaney, Otis & Lillie Charlton, Josefa Citizen, Lillian Dilworth, Morris Elliott, Juanita Fields, Jessica Jackson, Christine James, Mackenzie Jenkins, Vera Jennings, Clewon Johnson, Joyce Jones, Robert Locke, Lillie Middleton, Dawud Patterson, Evelyn Porter, Ellen Roberts, Delores Robinson, Elizabeth Robinson, Janice Quinn, Cornelius St. Mark, Inez Walthour, Margaret Weston, Nathaniel Wiggins, Arlene Wiley, Crystal Williams, Ellen Williams, Tambra Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey (out-of-town).

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

<p>O God, hear our prayer And let our cry come unto You. Bless our Diocese of Savannah With many vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life. Give the men and women You call The light to understand Your gift And the love to follow always In the footsteps of Your Priestly Son. Amen.</p>

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<p>PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI</p> <p>Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.</p> <p>O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.</p> <p>For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.</p>

LECTORS' SCHEDULE (*ANNOUNCER ALSO)

January 27 – 28, 2024

5:30pm Edna Mason Adriene Perry
9:00am Georgene Jones Melanie White
11:30am Juliette Tolbert Beverly Blue

Unity Mass February 4, 2024

10:00am Joe Carter Alicia Carter

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (*LECTOR ALSO)

January 27 – 28, 2024

5:30pm Dominique Jackson
9:00am Theresa Garvin
11:30am Atzmayah Bailey

Unity Mass February 4, 2024

10:00am Emily Fann

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

January 27 - 28, 2024

5:30pm Dominique Jackson
9:00am Milenthia Williams
11:30am William Wright

Unity Mass February 4, 2024

10:00am Marvin Manning, Sr.

USHER'S SCHEDULE

January 27 - 28, 2024

5:30pm Brenda Kennedy Thomas Dickerson
9:00am George Moultrie Richard Baker
11:30am Matthew Jenkins Latisha Bailey

Unity Mass February 4, 2024

10:00am George Moultrie Robert Kennedy
Richard Baker

BUS MINISTRY

Anyone wishing for transportation to the 9:00am or 10:00am Unity Mass should call either Dr. Earl Berksteiner at (912) 713-0414 or Mr. James Warren at (912) 655-8717 on or before Friday to schedule pickup. Thank you.

150th Church Anniversary Banquet: October 5, 2024

Installment payments for the 150th Anniversary Banquet are now being accepted. The cost per person is \$150.00 and children ages 6 - 12 is \$75.00. One-time payments are also being accepted. All payments are due on or before July 7, 2024. Please contact the church office should you have any questions. Thank you for being a part of this Grand occasion.

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THANK YOU!

The Family of the late Ms. Gina Grayson, whose funeral was held on Saturday, January 20, 2024, expresses their heartfelt gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown to them during this difficult time. Thank you for your phone calls, cards, gifts and especially your prayers. Special thanks to Father Romanus, members of the New Horizons, Traveling Moors, and the Health Guild. May God Bless each of you in a special way. *Wilma Brown

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WALKING THROUGH GRIEF"

A support program to cope with grief & loss at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church Youth Center, Thursdays at 6:30pm. The 9 week program begins Thursday, February 8th. For more information or to sign up to participate contact: Diane Farthing dgarthing@aol.com 770-309-2019

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PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Think you know your Bible? "... lean not on your own understanding .." (Proverbs 3:5). You can never stop learning or growing in your faith. Our Parish Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the parish hall. The teaching of our Catholic doctrines is blended into our bible study to enable us to have a better understanding of the faith that we profess. Please come, let us enrich ourselves with the Word of God. *Fr. Romanus.

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024

The Annual Catholic Appeal – FAITH, HOPE, & CHARITY – kicked off last weekend with a bang. Thank you to those who have already pledged and/or begun giving. Our parish target is \$31,885 with our Family request remaining at \$325. Your sacrificial giving and prayers will help to make this year's appeal a success. Together we can do this!

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WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Jesus Taught with Authority:

Do you believe that God's word has the power to set you free and to transform your life? When Jesus taught, he spoke with authority. He spoke the word of God as no one had spoken it before. When the Rabbis taught, they supported their statements with quotes from other authorities. The prophets spoke with delegated authority - "Thus says the Lord." When Jesus spoke, he needed no authorities to back his statements. He was authority incarnate - the Word of God made flesh. When he spoke, God spoke. When he commanded even the demons obeyed.

Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) remarked that "faith is mighty, but without love it profits nothing. The devils confessed Christ, but lacking charity it availed nothing. They said, 'What have we to do with you' (Mark 1:24)? They confessed a sort of faith, but without love. Hence they were devils."

Faith is powerful, but without love, it profits nothing (1 Corinthians 13). Scripture tells us that true faith works through love (Galatians 5:6) and abounds in hope (Romans 15:13). Our faith is made perfect in love because love orients us to the supreme good which is God himself as well as the good of our neighbor who is created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26,27).

Faith is both a free gift of God and the free assent of our will to the whole truth that God has revealed. To live, grow, and persevere in the faith to the end, we must nourish it with the word of God. The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds so that we may grow in his truth and the knowledge of his great love for each of us. If we approach

God's word with trust and submission, and with an eagerness to do what the Lord desires for us, then we are in a much better position to learn what God wants to teach us through his word. Are you eager to be taught by the Lord and to conform your mind, heart, attitude, and intentions according to his word of truth, goodness, and love? (*Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations*).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away” (Matthew 24:35)

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UNITY MASS CHOIR NEWS

You are invited to join the Unity Mass Choir rehearsals that will be held on Tuesday, January 30th at 6pm. All are welcome. – Kathy Stewart

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UNITY MASS CELEBRATION MEETING

On Sunday, February 4th, there will be a short meeting to plan for the first quarter Unity Mass Celebration (03/03/24). All those with birthdays and/or anniversaries in January, February or March are asked to attend. Your input is greatly needed. We will meet in the parish hall after Mass. Thank you.

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REMINDER!

All parishioners are strongly encouraged to attend the weekly Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays at 6pm.

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